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1. SITUATION HAS CHANGED LITTLE IN PAST 24 HRS WITH
THESSOLONIANS STILL FEARFUL OF RETURNING TO THEIR DWELLINGS.
IT IS EXPECTED LARGE NUMBERS WILL REMAIN OUTSIDE CITY OVER WEEKEND.
TENT CITIES ARE SEEN EVERYWHERE THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, WHILE PARKED
AUTOMOBILES AND ACTIVITY AROUND APT BUILDINGS ARE
ALMOST NON-EXISTENT. NEVERTHELESS THE CITY IS SLOWLY RETURNING
TO NORMAL, WITH FOODSTORES, BASIC SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES
ALL FUNCTIONING. MOST NON-FOOD SHOPS REMAIN CLOSED, WITH ONLY
STORES SELLING TENTS AND CAMPING EQUIPMENT DOING A BRISK
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2. THE NUMBER OF QUAKE VICTIMS HAS NOW REACHED 48, 37 OF WHICH
WERE FROM THE COLLAPSE OF A SINGLE BUILDING. IT IS EXPECTED THAT
THE CASUALTY FIGURE WILL RISE A LITTLE HIGHER AS MORE BODIES ARE
EXPECTED TO BE FOUND IN THE COLLAPSED BUILDING. EXPERTS ESTIMATED
THAT SOME 30,000 DWELLINGS HAVE SUSTAINED DAMAGE OF SOME KIND AND

THAT A MASSIVE EFFORT WILL BE REQUIRED TO HANDLE THIS PROBLEM. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AS WELL AS HOSPITALS ARE WORKING AT FULL CAPACITY NOW TO PROVIDE FULL ASSISTANCE. MILITARY ARE PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN RELIEF AND SUPPLY OPERATIONS. SOME 10 TO 16 C-130'S ARE BEING USED TO PROVIDE TENTS AND OTHER NEEDED ITEMS. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER REMAINS IN THE CITY TO COORDINATE RELIEF EFFORTS. HIS PRESENCE ALONG WITH THAT OF A NUMBER OF CABINET MINISTERS AND SENIOR MILITARY COMMANDERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS IS ALSO PLAYING A USEFUL ROLE IN CALMING THE CITIES FRAYED NERVES. TWO SWEDISH SEISMOLOGISTS FROM UNIV OF UPPSALA HAVE SPENT THE LAST TWO DAYS STUDYING THE JUNE 20 EARTHQUAKE. AT MEETING WPTH THE PRESS LAST EVENING THEY REPORTED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, (A) THAT FOR AN EARTHQQAKE OF A FORCE OF 6.5 VERY LITTLE DAMAGE HAD BEEN DONE AND (B) IN THEIR OPINION THERE APPEARED TO BE VERY LITTLE DANGER OF A QUAKE OF SIMILAR OR GREATER FORCE.

3. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF ANY DEATHS OR INJURIES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN NORTHERN GREECE AS A RESULT OF THE JUNE 20 QUAKE AND AFTERMATH.

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